entitled "Government approves plan to modernise airports" ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the huge increase in costs for modernisation programme especially without any change in the design or facilities ;

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure better maintenance of the existing facilities built at huge costs ; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the deterioration in existing facilities at airports recently built ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The estimated cost of the project for modernisation of Delhi and Bombay airports has gone down from Rs. 293 crores to Rs. 210 crores mainly on account of the reduction in customs duties.

(c) The following steps are taken by the airport authorities to ensure better maintenance of existing communication and navigational facilities at airports :—

1. Maintenance of equipments as per maintenance schedules.

2. Providing dust free, controlled temperature environmental conditions for better performance of the equipments.

3. Equipping the stations with the modern test equipments to facilitate the stations in maintenance.

4. Trainiug its mintenance staff on equipments they maintain.

5. Keepingsadequate stock of spares needed for equipents.

(d) It has been the constant endeavour of the airport authorities to ensure that the existing facilities at the airports are properly maintained and improved.

Installation of pump-sets under Jaldhara Scheme

*148. SHR I KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state ;

(a) what is the amount advanced by Rural Electrification Corporation under the Jaldhara Scheme to each State and Union Territory during the last year and the current financial year so far ;

(b) the number of pump-sets energised so far in each State :

(c) the rate at which the supply of power is charged from the marginal farmers in the drought-prone areas for operation of the pump-sets ; and

(d) the names of the States that have drought-prone areas but have not got the benefits of the Jaldhara Scheme and the reasons therefor in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) Out of the 13 States identified for implementation of the Jaldhara programme only 5 States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal, formulated the Jaldhara Scheme for implementation. Subsequently, West Bengal has shown its inability to take up the programme in drought-prone areas as there was no demand for pumpsets in such areas due to non-availability of water. The amount advanced under the scheme and the progress report upto March, 1990 are givn in statement attached. (*See* below).

(c) The tariff applicable for supply of power to agricultural consumers for operation of pumpsets in drought-prone areas is the same as applicable to other agricultural consumers in the State.

(d) All the 13 States, having notified drought-prone areas, were eligible for the programme. Eight States have not availed the benefit of the Jaldhara Scheme so far. These are : Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, J. & K., Karnataka, Maharashtra, U.P. and Tamil Nadu. The State Electricity Boards appear to be reluctant to take up the programme.

Statement

Jaldhara scheme sanctioned and disbursements

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	No. of pumpsets sanctioned	Amount disbrused during 1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	Total	Pumpsets energised upto 3/90
1	Andhra Pradesh .	5610	120.610	32.980	..	153.590	1805
2	Madhya Pradesh .	3984	143.424	..	..	143.424	81
3	Orissa . . .	3171	145.866	..	..	145.866	2407
4	Rajasthan . .	2439	112.194	..	..	112.194	141
5	West Bengal .	2754	99.144	..	..	99.144	..
	TOTAL .	17958	621.238	32.980	..	654.218	4434

Discussions with the representatives of Drug Industry

*149. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had a meeting with the representatives of drug industry on the 31st July, 1990 ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the issues raised by the drug industry :

(c) whether it is a fact that he has assured the industry that no further drug would be price controlled ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has found a number of drugs wrongly excluded from price control ; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to include those drugs under price control and reduce the exhorbitant prices of medicines based on those drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (c) The representatives of Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI), Indian Drugs Manufacturers' Association (IDMA) and All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOC&D) had met me on 31-7-1990 and presented their view point on various issues concerning Pharmaceutical Industry including the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and recoveries under Drug Price Equalisation Account